

NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

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OFFENDER CHARACTERISTICS REPORT

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INTRODUCTION

This report has been developed to provide information regarding offender characteristics in each correctional complex, major institution and satellite housing unit under the jurisdiction of the New Jersey Department of Corrections on January 9, 1998. The selected characteristics compiled in this report are Base Offense at Admission, Total Term at Admission, Ethnicity, Age, County of Commitment and Mandatory Minimum Terms.

The Prison Complex includes the New Jersey State Prison, Central Reception and Assignment Facility, East Jersey State Prison, Bayside State Prison, Riverfront State Prison, Mid-State, Southern State, Northern State Prison, South Woods, Edna Mahan Correctional Facility for Women and the Adult Diagnostic and Treatment Center (ADTC is a facility for adult male sex offenders).

The Youth Correctional Complex consists of the Garden State Youth Correctional Facility, the Albert C. Wagner Youth Correctional Facility and the Mountainview Youth Correctional Facility.

“Adult Offenders in Other Facilities” include state-sentenced inmates housed in county jails, Halfway Houses, the Central Medical Unit (St. Francis Hospital) and those assigned to Electronic Monitoring/Home Confinement.

“Not Coded” are records for offenders in the correctional system for whom admission characteristics data have not been entered into the computerized information system as of January 9, 1998.

Major institutions having Satellites include the following:

MAJOR INSTITUTIONS

*East Jersey State Prison
Bayside State Prison
Albert C. Wagner Youth Correctional Facility
Mountainview Youth Correctional Facility
Central Reception and Assignment Facility
Northern State Prison*

SATELLITES

*East Jersey Camp, Marlboro Camp and Secaucus Pre-Release Center
Bayside Farm and Ancora Unit
New Lisbon Unit
Stokes Unit and High Point Unit
Jones Farm
Kearney Unit*

HIGHLIGHTS

- ◇ *Forty-three percent (41%) of all New Jersey Department of Corrections residents were committed for crimes against persons which include Homicide, Sexual Assault, Aggravated/Simple Assault, Assault, Robbery, Kidnapping, Other Sex Offenses and Other Person Offenses.*
- ◇ *Thirty-three percent (33%) of all Department of Corrections residents have been committed for narcotics law violations, including possession, sale and distribution. Over 90% of all narcotics law violations are sale/distribution offenses.*
- ◇ *The median term for adult offenders housed by the Department is six years.*
- ◇ *Thirty-five percent (35%) of all New Jersey Department of Corrections residents were committed with maximum sentences of 10 years or more. Of the total, four percent (4%) are serving Life Sentences and 10 offenders are under Capital Sentence.*
- ◇ *Fifty-three percent (53%) of all adult residents housed in the State System have sentences which include parole ineligibility terms.*
- ◇ *Forty-eight percent (48%) of all residents in the New Jersey Department of Corrections are 30 years of age or younger. The median age for inmates in our adult facilities is 31.*
- ◇ *Sixty-four percent (64%) of New Jersey Department of Corrections residents are Black, while 18% are White and 18% are Hispanic.*
- ◇ *Of the 21 New Jersey counties, ten (Atlantic, Bergen, Camden, Essex, Hudson, Mercer, Middlesex, Monmouth, Passaic and Union) account for 84% of Total State Correctional Residents. Essex County is the highest contributor with 20%.*

**TOTAL RESIDENTS IN NEW JERSEY STATE CORRECTIONAL
INSTITUTIONS AND SATELLITES ON JANUARY 9, 1998**

TOTAL RESIDENTS	27,834	<u>YOUTH COMPLEX</u>	5,043
<u>PRISON COMPLEX</u>	15,300	Garden State Corr Facility	1,689
New Jersey State Main	1,871	Wharton Tract	0
NEW JERSEY STATE TOTAL	1,871	Youth Reception	15
CRAF Main	75	Prison Reception	76
Jones Farm	330	Orientation Unit/SRP Boot Camp	164
CRAF Reception	591	GARDEN STATE TOTAL	1,944
CRAF TOTAL	996	Albert C. Wagner Yth Corr Fclty	1,232
East Jersey State Main	1,490	New Lisbon	0
East Jersey Camp	155	Ad Seg	179
Marlboro Camp	120	Adult Boot Camp	112
Ad Seg	355	ALBERT C. WAGNER TOTAL	1,523
Secaucus Pre-Release Cntr	302	Mountainview Yth Corr Fac	1,483
EAST JERSEY STATE TOTAL	2,422	Stokes Unit	93
Bayside State Main	1,298	MOUNTAINVIEW TOTAL	1,576
Bayside Farm	645	<u>OTHER ADULT FACILITIES</u>	5666
Ancora Farm	288	County Jail	3602
Reception Unit	155	Halfway House	1872
BAYSIDE STATE TOTAL	2,386	Central Medical	21
MID-STATE CORR FACILITY	556	EM/HC	171
SOUTHERN STATE	1560		
RIVERFRONT STATE PRISON	1,111		
SOUTH WOODS	1797		
Northern State Main	1885		
Northern State Ad Seg-Male	380		
Northern State Ad Seg-Female	25		
Kearney	311		
NORTHERN STATE PRISON	2,601		
SUBTOTAL	15,300		
ADTC (Male Sex Offenders)	738		
TOTAL MALE PRISON	16,038		
EDNA MAHAN CORR FACILITY-WOMEN	1,087		
TOTAL PRISON	17,125		

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**OFFENDERS IN NEW JERSEY CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTIONS
ON JANUARY 9, 1998 BY BASE OFFENSE**

In these tabulations, the base offense is that which is the most serious offense at the time of admission. These figures reflect base or controlling offenses at admissions only, and do not include any offenses in addition to the base offense in the case of multiple sentences at admission. Additional sentences imposed following initial admission to the state correctional system are not included in this data.

- Violent offenses include homicide, sexual assault, aggravated and simple assault, robbery, kidnapping, other sex offenses and other person offenses (i.e. terroristic threats, coercion, larceny from a person, death by auto and negligent manslaughter).
- Property offenses include burglary, arson, theft, forgery, embezzlement, and receiving/possessing stolen property.
- Miscellaneous offenses include in order of frequency, hindering arrest, conspiracy, probation violation, endangering the welfare of a child and other offenses (other offenses comprise only 1% of total population).
- Weapons offenses include weapon possession and operation.
- Drug violations include sale, distribution, manufacture, possession and use of drugs, over 90% of which are for sale and distribution.

OFFENDERS IN CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTIONS ON JANUARY 9, 1998 BY BASE OFFENSE

Base Offense	Total		Prison Complex		Youth Complex		ADTC		Edna Mahan		Other Adult Facilities	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
TOTAL OFFENDERS	27,834	100%	15,300	100%	5,043	100%	738	100%	1,087	100%	5,666	100%
Violent Offenses	11,491	41%	7,450	49%	1,797	36%	723	98%	333	31%	1,188	21%
Property Offenses	3,965	14%	2,202	14%	626	12%	1	0%	165	15%	971	17%
Miscellaneous	1,186	4%	623	4%	246	5%	2	0%	64	6%	251	4%
Weapons	714	3%	402	3%	168	3%	0	0%	14	1%	130	2%
Drugs	9,063	33%	4,126	27%	1,974	39%	2	0%	447	41%	2,514	44%
Not Coded	1,415	5%	497	3%	232	5%	10	1%	64	6%	612	11%

- Inmates with violent offenses comprise 49% of the prison complex, 36% of the youth complex, 98% of ADTC, 31% of Edna Mahan, and 21% of other adult facilities.
- The most common offense category for all adults, except at ADTC, is drugs.

**OFFENDERS IN NEW JERSEY CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTIONS
ON JANUARY 9, 1998 BY TOTAL TERM AT ADMISSION**

Total term at admission is the total maximum term imposed for each offender at the time of commitment from the community or from parole. This includes the aggregate term for those admitted with multiple sentences. Additional sentences received following initial admission are not reflected or included in the data.

OFFENDERS IN NEW JERSEY CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTIONS ON JANUARY 9, 1998 BY TOTAL TERM AT ADMISSION

Total Term	Total		Prison Complex		Youth Complex		ADTC		Edna Mahan		Other Adult Facilities	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
TOTAL OFFENDERS	27,834	100%	15,300	100%	5,043	100%	738	100%	1,087	100%	5,666	100%
1-2 Years	723	3%	216	1%	148	3%	3	0%	46	4%	310	5%
3 Years	3,351	12%	1,338	9%	781	15%	15	2%	247	23%	970	17%
4 Years	4,322	16%	1,907	12%	927	18%	24	3%	253	23%	1,211	21%
5 Years	5,097	18%	2,596	17%	1,071	21%	76	10%	159	15%	1,195	21%
6 Years	580	2%	260	2%	125	2%	21	3%	26	2%	148	3%
7 Years	1,912	7%	988	6%	420	8%	89	12%	64	6%	351	6%
8-9 Years	1,354	5%	795	5%	275	5%	41	6%	36	3%	207	4%
10 Years	2,257	8%	1,352	9%	436	9%	113	15%	55	5%	301	5%
11-14 Years	985	4%	610	4%	200	4%	49	7%	21	2%	105	2%
15 Years	1,303	5%	864	6%	182	4%	84	11%	24	2%	149	3%
16-20 Years	1,672	6%	1,235	8%	197	4%	109	15%	34	3%	97	2%
20+ Years	2,317	8%	1,897	12%	175	3%	108	15%	67	6%	70	1%
Life	1,032	4%	967	6%	30	1%	3	0%	19	2%	13	0%
Capital	14	0%	14	0%	-	0%	-	0%	-	0%	-	0%
Not Coded	915	3%	261	2%	76	2%	3	0%	36	3%	539	10%

Among New Jersey Adult Correctional Offenders:

- The median term for adult offenders is 6 years.
- Forty-eight percent (48%) are serving terms of 1 -5 years.
- Fourteen percent (14%) are serving terms of 6-9 years.
- Thirty-eight percent (38%) are serving terms of 10 years or more, which includes 1,046 offenders serving life or capital sentences.

**OFFENDERS IN NEW JERSEY CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTIONS
ON JANUARY 9, 1998 BY MANDATORY MINIMUM TERM**

In New Jersey, since 1979, the courts have utilized mandatory minimum sentences. This means that an offender must serve the entire minimum sentence before being eligible for parole consideration. Mandatory minimum terms are not reduced by earned credits (commutation, minimum security or work).

OFFENDERS IN CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTIONS ON JANUARY 9, 1998 BY MANDATORY MINIMUM TERM

Mandatory Minumum Term	Total		Prison Complex		Youth Complex		ADTC		Edna Mahan		Other Adult Facilities	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
TOTAL OFFENDERS	14,753	100%	9,236	100%	2,488	100%	272	100%	370	100%	2,387	100%
<18 Months	869	6%	329	4%	213	9%	0	0%	46	12%	281	12%
18 Months	923	6%	385	4%	225	9%	1	0%	31	8%	281	12%
2 Years	2,521	17%	1367	15%	409	16%	4	1%	61	16%	680	28%
3 Years	2,751	19%	1365	15%	715	29%	13	5%	75	20%	583	24%
4 Years	1,010	7%	630	7%	220	9%	13	5%	21	6%	126	5%
5 Years	1,515	10%	993	11%	230	9%	91	33%	21	6%	180	8%
6-9 Years	1,755	12%	1210	13%	286	11%	43	16%	45	12%	171	7%
10 Years	738	5%	578	6%	61	2%	51	19%	10	3%	38	2%
11-14 Years	390	3%	326	4%	35	1%	10	4%	13	4%	6	0%
15 Years	428	3%	348	4%	28	1%	26	10%	13	4%	13	1%
16-19 Years	158	1%	134	1%	11	0%	3	1%	0	0%	10	0%
20-24 Years	228	2%	211	2%	6	0%	6	2%	2	1%	3	0%
25-29 Years	216	1%	201	2%	1	0%	9	3%	3	1%	2	0%
30 Years	615	4%	557	6%	35	1%	1	0%	21	6%	1	0%
30+ Years	636	4%	602	7%	13	1%	1	0%	8	2%	12	1%

- Fifty- three percent (53%) of all adult offenders have mandatory minimum terms (14,753 out of 27,834).
- The median mandatory minimum term is 4 years.
- Fifteen percent (15%) have mandatory minimum terms of 15 years or more.

**OFFENDERS IN NEW JERSEY CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTIONS
ON JANUARY 9, 1998 BY AGE**

The age of the offender is the chronological age as of January 1, 1998.

OFFENDERS IN CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTIONS ON JANUARY 9, 1998 BY AGE

Age	Total		Prison Complex		Youth Complex		ADTC		Edna Mahan		Other Adult Facilities	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
TOTAL OFFENDERS	27,834	100%	15,300	100%	5,043	100%	738	100%	1,087	100%	5,666	100%
< 17 Years	26	0%	2	0%	4	0%	0	0%	2	0%	18	0%
17 Years	46	0%	7	0%	24	0%	0	0%	0	0%	15	0%
18-20 Years	1,557	6%	204	1%	955	19%	4	1%	32	3%	362	6%
21-22 Years	2,039	7%	477	3%	1109	22%	12	2%	45	4%	396	7%
23-24 Years	2,343	8%	770	5%	1045	21%	14	2%	57	5%	457	8%
25-27 Years	3,901	14%	1744	11%	1172	23%	38	5%	126	12%	821	14%
28-30 Years	3,686	13%	2190	14%	498	10%	43	6%	175	16%	780	14%
31-33 Years	3,445	12%	2339	15%	145	3%	78	11%	179	16%	704	12%
34-36 Years	2,946	11%	2065	13%	38	1%	85	12%	152	14%	606	11%
37-39 Years	2,381	9%	1667	11%	24	0%	68	9%	96	9%	526	9%
40-44 Years	2,585	9%	1833	12%	16	0%	110	15%	113	10%	513	9%
45-49 Years	1,460	5%	1021	7%	8	0%	96	13%	59	5%	276	5%
50-54 Years	757	3%	529	3%	1	0%	80	11%	36	3%	111	2%
55-59 Years	338	1%	244	2%	1	0%	39	5%	11	1%	43	1%
60-64 Years	166	1%	113	1%	0	0%	33	4%	2	0%	18	0%
65+ Years	158	1%	95	1%	3	0%	38	5%	2	0%	20	0%

- The median age for adult residents is 31 years.
- Six percent (6%) of all adult offenders are 20 years of age or younger.
Forty-two percent (42%) of all adult offenders are between the ages of 21-30.
Thirty-two percent (32%) of all adult offenders are 31 to 39 years of age.
Twenty percent (20%) of all adult offenders are 40 years of age and older.

**OFFENDERS IN NEW JERSEY CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTIONS
ON JANUARY 9, 1998 BY RACE/ETHNIC IDENTIFICATION**

In these tabulations, a Hispanic is a person of Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, South American or other Spanish culture or origin (Spain or Portugal) regardless of complexion.

OFFENDERS IN CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTIONS ON JANUARY 9, 1998 BY RACE/ETHNIC IDENTIFICATION

Ethnic Identification	Total		Prison Complex		Youth Complex		ADTC		Edna Mahan		Other Adult Facilities	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
TOTAL OFFENDERS	27,834	100%	15,300	100%	5,043	100%	738	100%	1,087	100%	5,666	100%
Black	17,839	64%	9783	64%	3541	70%	191	26%	694	64%	3630	64%
White	4,965	18%	2715	18%	634	13%	419	57%	247	23%	950	17%
Hispanic	4,934	18%	2753	18%	849	17%	113	15%	144	13%	1075	19%
Asian	73	0%	41	0%	18	0%	2	0%	2	0%	10	0%
American Indian	4	0%	2	0%	1	0%	1	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Other	19	0%	6	0%	0	0%	12	2%	0	0%	1	0%

- On January 9, 1998, 64% of all state correctional institution offenders were Black, 18% were White and 18% were Hispanic.
- The largest proportion of Black offenders was at the youth complex (70%).
- The largest proportion of White offenders was at ADTC (57%).
- The largest proportion of Hispanic offenders was at 'other facilities' (19%).

**OFFENDERS IN NEW JERSEY CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTIONS
ON JANUARY 9, 1998 BY COUNTY OF COMMITMENT**

County of Commitment	Total		Prison Complex		Youth Complex		ADTC		Edna Mahan		Other Adult Facilities	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
TOTAL OFFENDERS	27,834	100%	15,300	100%	5,043	100%	738	100%	1,087	100%	5,666	100%
Atlantic	1,711	6%	966	6%	266	5%	41	6%	103	9%	335	6%
Bergen	1,394	5%	789	5%	192	4%	28	4%	66	6%	319	6%
Burlington	462	2%	266	2%	86	2%	40	5%	17	2%	53	1%
Camden	3,354	12%	1982	13%	748	15%	90	12%	122	11%	412	7%
Cape May	404	1%	233	2%	71	1%	24	3%	24	2%	52	1%
Cumberland	720	3%	416	3%	107	2%	28	4%	15	1%	154	3%
Essex	5,643	20%	3402	22%	1430	28%	73	10%	173	16%	565	10%
Gloucester	358	1%	204	1%	75	1%	19	3%	3	0%	57	1%
Hudson	2,465	9%	1348	9%	385	8%	29	4%	77	7%	626	11%
Hunterdon	122	0%	68	0%	13	0%	6	1%	9	1%	26	0%
Mercer	1,433	5%	676	4%	135	3%	30	4%	74	7%	518	9%
Middlesex	1,497	5%	738	5%	243	5%	40	5%	69	6%	407	7%
Monmouth	1,581	6%	873	6%	241	5%	55	7%	88	8%	324	6%
Morris	336	1%	196	1%	47	1%	26	4%	9	1%	58	1%
Ocean	617	2%	316	2%	115	2%	47	6%	19	2%	120	2%
Passiac	2,525	9%	1065	7%	369	7%	62	8%	107	10%	922	16%
Salem	229	1%	97	1%	28	1%	8	1%	9	1%	87	2%
Somerset	345	1%	197	1%	40	1%	21	3%	11	1%	76	1%
Sussex	120	0%	44	0%	9	0%	13	2%	7	1%	47	1%
Union	2,195	8%	1243	8%	393	8%	45	6%	76	7%	438	8%
Warren	170	1%	88	1%	19	0%	13	2%	5	0%	45	1%
Not Coded	153	1%	93	1%	31	1%	0	0%	4	0%	25	0%

- Essex county has the highest percentage of commitments at the prison complex (22%), the youth complex (26%), and Edna Mahan (16%).
- Camden County has the highest percentage of commitments (12%) at ADTC.
- Passiac County has the highest percentage of commitments (16%) at other adult facilities.